

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for auto-boating, comprising:  
supporting a tape substrate having first and second end portions on a  
boat, the first and second end portions having a width of between  
5 approximately two millimeters and six millimeters;  
horizontally extending a pair of end sleeves toward respective ones of the tape  
substrate, each end sleeve having a thickness of no more than 0.675 millimeters;  
sandwiching the first and second end portions between respective ones  
of the end sleeves and the boat;  
10 magnetically coupling a boat clip to the boat; and  
horizontally retracting the end sleeves from between respective ones of  
the first and second end portions and the boat clip.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the end sleeves are rectangularly  
15 shaped.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the end portions have a width of  
approximately four millimeters.
- 20 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the tape substrate is formed from  
polyimide.

5. A method for auto-boating, comprising:  
supporting a tape substrate having first and second end portions on a  
boat;  
sandwiching the first and second end portions between respective ones  
of a pair of end sleeves and the boat;  
coupling a boat clip to the boat; and  
removing the end sleeves from between the first and second end  
portions and the boat clip.

6. The method of Claim 5, further comprising horizontally extending the  
pair of end sleeves toward the tape substrate before the sandwiching step.

7. The method of Claim 5, wherein the end sleeves are rectangularly  
shaped.

8. The method of Claim 5, wherein the end sleeves have a thickness of no  
more than 0.675 millimeters.

9. The method of Claim 5, wherein the end portions have a width of  
between approximately two millimeters and six millimeters.

10. The method of Claim 5, wherein the end portions have a width of  
approximately four millimeters.

11. The method of Claim 5, wherein the tape substrate is formed from  
polyimide.

12. The method of Claim 5, wherein coupling the boat clip comprises  
magnetically coupling the boat clip.

13. A system used in auto-boating, comprising:  
a boat;  
a tape substrate having first and second end portions configured to  
support the boat;  
5 a pair of end sleeves operable to sandwich respective ones of the first  
and second end portions between the end sleeves and the boat; and  
a boat clip configured to couple to the boat.

10 14. The system of Claim 13, wherein the end sleeves are operable to  
horizontally extend toward and away from the tape substrate.

15 15. The system of Claim 13, wherein the end sleeves are rectangularly  
shaped.

16 16. The system of Claim 13, wherein the end sleeves have a thickness of  
no more than 0.675 millimeters.

20 17. The system of Claim 13, wherein the end portions have a width of  
between approximately two millimeters and six millimeters.

18. The system of Claim 13, wherein the end portions have a width of  
approximately four millimeters.

25 19. The system of Claim 13, wherein the tape substrate is formed from  
polyimide.

20. The system of Claim 13, wherein the boat clip is operable to  
magnetically couple to the boat.